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The Editor's Page

WAKE UP! AMERICA!

There appeared in the January 16, 1961 issue of the *Pittsburgh Press*, a full-page challenge to the people of America to "Wake Up". The page was financed by Moral Rearmament.

Space does not permit us to reproduce the page in full. There are some statements in it, however, we would like to pass on to our readers. These statements set the tone for the entire page.

The article opens by calling attention to the lateness of the hour, saying:

"America is at war. A war we are losing. We are under attack by Godless Communism on a world front and Godless materialism on the home front. Selfishness, perversion and division within our borders are the forces through which Communism takes over.

"It is an idealogical war. We are losing it because we are not fighting it. ...We move heedless and headless without an idealogy against an idealogical enemy. America is in danger of losing her life and the Free World its freedom.

"Guns, dollars and diplomacy alone are no match for an enemy who has all these but advances because of the superarm of an idealogy.

"America needs an idealogy. A change of policy is not enough. We need a change of motives and character. A great cleansing and uniting force for the nation.

"We judge ourselves by our ideals. Others judge us by the way we live. Unfaithfulness in the home, perversion in high places and low, decadence in the arts, lawless youth, class war, race war, dishonesty—these are becoming the marks of American life. We are all responsible.

"These are no weapons with which to win the struggle for the hearts and minds of the millions of the world....

"The fact is that millions who would never join the Communist party make its advance inevitable by the way they live.

"Chancellor Adenauer of Germany said, 'Communism is a false idealogy. But it is an idealogy and can only be met with moral and spiritual weapons. We are in an idealogical battle. Therein lies the decisive task. It may last decades, but it must be won. A nation with an idealogy is always on the offensive. A nation without an idealogy is self-satisfied and dead.'

"Because we do not have an idealogy we fail to recognize those who do. We were fooled by Mao Tse-tung. We were fooled by Castro. In our blindness we are led by those in our own press and government whose task it is to make Communists look like harmless reformers until they are safely in power.

"Our greatest sin has been to cheat the world of the nation-saving truths upon which America was founded. Our destiny is to free the world of tyranny. Instead, we have cashed in our fighting faith for a soft materialism and retreated before the greatest tyranny the world has ever known.

" 'Men must choose to be governed by God, or they condemn themselves to be ruled by tyrants.' In William Penn's words lies America's death sentence. Or her one hope.

"The hour is late. But not too late to turn to the answer."

Pointing to what is needed the article goes on to state:

"Washington, clean, straight, and God-directed would be an invincible force leading mankind to its destiny.

"The urgent need is for patriots—Democrat and Republican, labor and management, black and white, young and old—who will put right what is wrong in their own lives and in the life of the nation. Such men will take on the task of arming America with her true idealogy.

"It means absolute standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love,

applied drastically, personally and nationally. It means men accepting the guidance of God. Definite, accurate, adequate information can comé from the mind of God to the minds of men. It comes to those who listen and obey. It is the new dimension of statesmanship.

The article closes with these words from the address of Dr. Frank Buchman, delivered to a World Assembly for the Moral Rearmament of the Nations at Mackinac Island, Michigan:

"My deep personal wish is to have every American free under the direction of God to fight for America; so to fight that America really be free, free from the tyranny of sin, under God's direction, the unseen but ever-present Power, I wish this no less deeply for everyone in every nation.

"I don't want our sons, especially our fighting sons, to go about without an answer. It simply enslaves them. It is not good enough. It will drive them to the same philosophy that rules our opponents. We shall never create an inspired democracy that way. Men must learn to have a faith that will create the right revolution. If we can spread this revolution fast enough we can save America and the world. Unless we have this revolution there will be a revolution of chaos.

"It needs this stronger dose. Sin leaves us with such a dull, heavy thud. *'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin'.* That is the discovery everyone is looking for. That is the answer.

"Then you will have a wonderful example that the whole world will want to follow. You will have an America to which the wise and the honest can repair. And that is what the world expects today of America. You will have a battle-cry of freedom, and that is what America wants. You will have a democracy that is really inspired.

"Then our young men and our old men will fight as Lincoln fought of old. Our young men will know what to fight for and our wars will be won. And we shall be at peace with all men and the whole world.

"The hour is late. Here is the answer.... Wake Up!"

To this we have no comment except to add our hearty "Amen", for, as our Lord tells us in the Gospel of John 17, "*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*" In Him is found the idealogy that is all sufficient. In Him is found the answer. Wake up, America, the hour is late indeed. Soon it may be *too* late.

Two new folders are available from the National Reform Association. These are attractively printed in two colors so as to catch the eye and are brief enough that they can be read in a minute or two.

One is entitled "What Is Moderation? It shows that moderation cannot be defined—that the effects of the same quantities of alcohol are different under different conditions and presents total abstinence as the only safe policy.

The second one is entitled "The Problem of Alcoholism". It presents some interesting facts relative to alco

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NEAR NEIGHBORS TO THE COMMUNISTS

Rev. Delber H. Elliott, D.D.

(Chapter six of the book DOOM OF THE DICTATORS)

But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. *Numbers 33:55*

Communism does not live alone. It fastens its tentacles upon other cults and idealogies which outwardly deny any sympathy with Communism. Yet these groups unwittingly become a happy feeding ground for spies and Communist sympathizers who, denying Communist objectives, are planting the seeds of Communist beliefs. This is happening in colleges, universities, and even in Christian churches.

Among the near neighbors to Communism we list first

Materialism in Philosophy

This is defined as "a theory which considers the facts of the universe to be sufficiently explained by the existence and nature of matter." Its interests are wholly secular. It deals only with what can be seen with the eye, heard with the ear, or felt with the hand.

The materialist's chief concern is: "What shall we eat, what shall we drink or wherewithal shall we be clothed?" Like the Sadducees, he believes in neither angels nor spirits and of course not in the resurrection or a future life. He lives for the present, works for the material, and expects to die like the animals at the last. Such is the dictator philosophy of life.

Francis Xavier, a brilliant materialist of a former century, was cradled in the lap of luxury. He lacked no material comforts that would minister to his vanity. He won the laurels of scholarship and was a celebrated champion in the games. He became a teacher and lecturer of renown. One of his admiring students was Ignatius Loyola who was bent and deformed in body. But Loyola resolved to win his master to Christ. He cultivated his friendship, attended his lectures, and congratulated him on his brilliant performances. Then he would follow with: "But what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

This question was asked under similar circumstances perhaps a hundred times. At last the lecturer and his student knelt side by side and Francis Xavier renounced his secular views of life and yielded himself to God.

Xavier spent the rest of his brief life trudging over this world, preaching among thieves and robbers and outcasts of India, warning them that it would profit them nothing even if they should gain the whole world and lose their souls. At last worn out with his labors, he left his wasted body on a sandy beach of Siam at forty-five years of age.

The reaction of Moses to the material view of life as he found it in a king's palace is recorded among the heroes of faith: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

The second near neighbor of Communism is

Liberalism in Religion

This is a system of belief which regards Christianity as a natural rather than a supernatural religion. Christ and the Bible are looked upon as the products of men. Regeneration is just a change of attitude and salvation is based on what man does rather than what is wrought by God. Christianity is a religion of high ideals and good works rather than of salvation by a Redeemer. This is no more than dehydrated Chris-

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A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DR. WALTER McCARROLL

J. R. PATTERSON

Another soldier of the cross has been called home, one who continued to serve as actively, enthusiastically and energetically in the years of retirement as when in the pastorate.

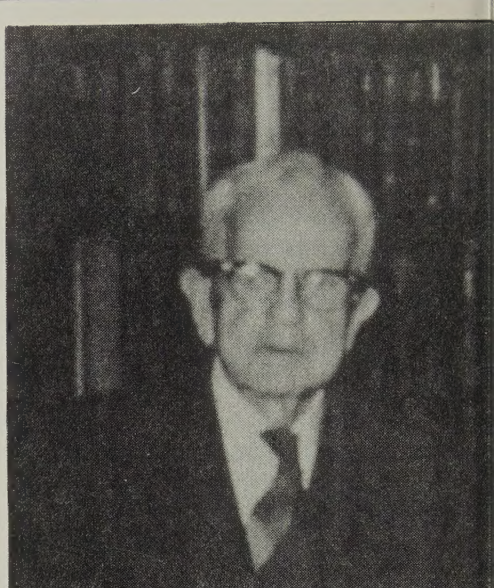
I first remember meeting Dr. McCarroll when I was a student in Geneva College when the Men's Glee Club on tour worshipped one Sabbath in his church in New York City. I became a little better acquainted a few years later when, as a licentiate from the Seminary, I spent a summer at White Lake, New York, where Dr. McCarroll spent a part of his vacation.

It was not until I was serving as pastor of the Los Angeles Congregation that I got to know him intimately.

Upon retirement from the pastorate, Dr. and Mrs. McCarroll purchased their home at 406 East Walnut Street in Santa Ana, California, where they resided until the time of his death.

It was not long until our acquaintance with him grew and our friendship deepened. We came to know him as a thorough scholar, a devoted Christian and a wise counsellor. Also, it was not long until we began to realize that although he had retired from the pastorate, he had not retired from the service of the Lord.

It was Dr. McCarroll who took the initiative in organizing the Southern California Branch of the National Reform Association, later to become known as the California Christian Citizens Association, an auxiliary of the National Reform Association. At first there was not too much enthusiasm for this venture, even on the part of some of his very closest friends. It seemed like a very difficult undertaking in the face of many almost insurmountable obstacles. Many a person would have been discouraged at the very outset, but not Dr. McCarroll. By persistent effort he succeeded in creating a realization of the need for such an organization in



WALTER McCARROLL, D.D.

other minds, and within a few months the Southern California Branch was founded. There were years of struggle and effort, in the face of many disappointments and discouragements, but nevertheless, the work grew and expanded. Special attention was given to seeking to get a permissive Bible Reading in the Public Schools bill through the state legislature in California. Dr. McCarroll did not live to see this objective achieved, but the organization which he founded has become widely known throughout the state and its influence has been felt in the halls of the State Legislature and in the Governor's mansion. Thousands upon thousands of pieces of literature produced by the Association have been circulated through the state, and a witness in behalf of Christ's place in government and the Bible's place in public education was carried forward. This work continues. "He, being dead, yet speaketh."

Dr. McCarroll was a scholar—one who read widely, and who wrote well. He was fearless in defending what he believed to be the truth. He saw much to be done for the glory of the Lord, and

e was one who said with the Master, 'I must be up and doing while it is the lay, for the night cometh when no man an work."

Though the night has come and he as found rest from his labors, his works lo follow him.

GREAT SOLDIER OF THE LORD

DAVID CALDERWOOD, Th.D.
President, California Christian Citizens Association

A great soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ has been promoted to a service n the presence of the King.

Dr. Walter McCarroll, like Caleb, a varrior of the Lord in Old Testament imes, "fully followed the Lord." When ie served he gave whole-hearted ser- vice. He could say and sing sincerely, 'O my soul, bless God the Lord and ll that in me is, be stirred up His holy Name to magnify and bless."

When he preached, he preached a full gospel and could say with Paul, "I have leclared unto you the whole counsel of God." And that whole-hearted service nd that complete message continued o touch people until the end of his earthly life. He knew that there was no lischarge in the war. He never put off is armour, or took a place among the spectators. He was in the midst of the battle until the summons came at 87.

When it came time for him to give up is pastorate and retire to a quiet rest- ul life in California, the Lord opened p another door of service into which e entered with the same zeal that char- cterized his earlier life.

Seeing the crying need for the use of he Bible in the schools of California e organized a branch of the National Reform Association which later became he California Christian Citizens Asso- iation. It wasn't very long until he had athered around him a group of volunteer vorkers who were ready to follow an nspired and inspiring leader in a great rusade for the Bible in the schools f California.

He drew up a bill on several occa- sions and with a few friends went to Sacramento and presented them to the Legislature. Although his efforts have not been fully crowned with success, multitudes of California citizens have been led to sign and circulate petitions for the return of the Bible to its rightful place in education. Several chapters have now been formed and are sowing the State with the literature that Dr. McCarroll provided.

It was said of God's servant, Caleb: "My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath fol- lowed Me fully, him will I bring unto the land whereinto he went, and his seed shall possess it."

Dr. McCarroll has been awarded his inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away. It is our hope and prayer that his spiritual seed may reach the goal at which he aimed and for which he labored. May those who knew Dr. McCarroll follow him as he fully followed the Lord.

TWO NEW TEMPERANCE FOLDERS

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holism and upholds total abstinence as the only sure preventive. The folders are 3¾ x 5½ inches in size and are ideally suited for enclosures in letters, use in tract racks or in any other way that tracts are generally used. The tracts come at the rate of $1.00 per hundred. Address your orders to the

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The U.S. has about 800,000 tubercu- losis patients, 1,200,000 cancer victims. But we have 5,015,000 alcoholics. But there's more. We're creating 300,000 alcoholics every year. But we're only rehabilitating about 20% of them. When do we start doing something really use- ful about prevention? It will take lots and lots of God's people and lots and lots of money.

—The National Voice

200 ATTEND W.C.T.U. AFFAIR

Speaker Says Alcoholism Is Sin

"Alcoholism is not a disease—it is sin," Dr. Renwick Patterson, executive secretary of the National Reform Association, told a group of nearly 200 Lawrence County W.C.T.U. members yesterday.

"If alcoholism is a disease," Dr. Patterson pointed out, "then its cause is being packaged and bottled and put on shelves for sale to the American public for consumption."

Speaking before the annual Victory Day Luncheon of the countywide WCTU unit, Dr. Patterson gave facts and figures on alcohol traffic and its problems.

The reform leader showed that there is no other avenue of escape other than total abstinence if the carnage on today's highways is to be stopped.

Slows Down Reaction

Dr. Patterson showed that a half of a drop of alcohol per 1,000 drops of blood is enough to slow down the retaliatory powers of man. At this point a man is not drunk in the eyes of the law. To be intoxicated, it was shown, there must be 1½ drops of alcohol to 1,000 drops of blood.

The speaker told of 37,000 persons a year being killed on national highways and 150-200,000 persons being injured, with alcohol a prime factor in the majority of accident cases.

The sum of $10.5 million annually is spent for alcohol while almost the same sum is spent for education, the speaker told his listeners.

"We are spending as much to tear down as we are to educate," said Dr. Patterson.

Seeks Action

The speaker concluded that each is his brother's keeper and it is up to Americans to fight the liquor traffic by promoting and seeking total abstinence.

Mrs. Lucy H. Round, Chairman of the Monday luncheon, introduced the speaker. She also presented Mrs. Patterson and gave her a basket of fruit in behalf of the county Union.

Mrs. Round conducted a unique feature in honor of the newest states, Hawaii and Alaska. Each member was presented with an imitation lei and information from Hawaii was given through the courtesy of Mrs. Marvin Hensley, chairman of the Hawaii WCTU. Mrs. Round had written her about honoring the 49th state at the Victory dinner.

Mrs. W. W. Bell served as master of ceremonies for the noon luncheon... Rev. Harold Harrington, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, offered the invocation and pronounced the benediction. Mrs. W. Dale Rhome was pianist for group singing led by Mrs. F. Dickson Marshall. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Ed Hermann sang a duet.

—*The New Castle News*

WITNESSING FOR SOBRIETY

A steamer was plowing through the deep water with sailors aboard. The daily log was kept. The Captain's time came to keep the "log". He put down—"Lieutenant...was DRUNK TODAY!"

The Lieutenant was very angry!

The next day the Lieutenant kept the "log". He put down—"The Captain was SOBER TODAY!"

There is danger in subtle inferences and insinuations!

There are two dangerous attitudes about TEMPERANCE:

1. One is—"None of us drink—why have lessons on TEMPERANCE in our Sabbath School, our Young People's Meeting or our Prayer Meeting?

If Christians who believe in Sobriety and Total Abstinence do not keep alive information on this great evil of intemperance and keep abreast of the times how can they meet "friend or foe" with the adequate answers needed?

2. A second dangerous attitude is the stand—taken by so many—"I do not drink. I am 100% for Prohibition. I would not let any drink—beer, whiskey or wine—come into my home—yet, why should

I interfere with a man who wants his drink?"

Such an attitude was expressed by a man—then, about three weeks later, **a drunken driver** ran over his child. The child was picked up dead. The man never said again, "I don't drink, but let the other fellow drink if he WANTS TO!"

Drinking is a SOCIAL MENACE.

The drunken driver KILLS.

Should society not RISE UP AGAINST SUCH A KILLER?

There are MANY WAYS we can help the cause of sobriety. One way is to distribute helpful facts on the subject.

We of Olathe have sent the MINISTERS and the SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS of the Ministerial Alliance, "THE CHRISTIAN STATESMAN" for one year. This magazine is full of helpful temperance challenges.

WHY NOT TRY THIS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Temperance Committee of
Midwest Presbytery,
Frank L. Stewart & Olathe Session
—The Covenanter Witness

NEAR NEIGHBORS TO THE COMMUNISTS

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tianity with the water of life drained out.

Liberalism, also called Modernism, denies the Bible as the infallible Word of God. The Scriptures are regarded merely as a collection from the writings of men. It rejects the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the miracles, the atonement, and Christ's bodily resurrection.

Liberalism, thus defined, is a religion without redemption. Jesus is lauded as a good man, a great teacher, and a noble example to follow. As to taking man's place and dying as a sacrifice for man's sin, the consistent modernist does not know the Christ of the Bible at all.

The fact is significant that those members of the clergy who are seeking to persuade their churches to favor the admission of Red China into our ambassadorial bosom and into the United Nations are of this religious persuasion. If a Communist were compelled to submit to some form of religion this perhaps would be his choice.

A third near neighbor to Communism is

Darwinism in Biology

One hundred years ago Charles Darwin published his *Origin of Species by Natural Selection.* Its thesis is that all life came by natural processes. It denies the creation story recorded in the first chapter of the Bible.

The prime meaning of the word evolution is "an unfolding or unrolling or developing of what is contained in something." This kind of evolution consists of a development within the species. In the dog species it has brought forth the Great Dane and the pocket-size Chihuahua. This is the Genesis type of evolution which is "after its kind." It is true that domestic animals can be tailor-made within the circle of their own species. But the Darwinian type of evolution has never produced a creature that can climb trees like cats and howl like dogs. Cats keep right on being cats and dogs continue to be dogs.

The crossing of species is repugnant to nature and any attempt to thwart it is stopped after the first infraction. One illustration is that of the mule which has no offspring. Someone has said: "The Missouri mule stands stubbornly blocking the evolutionary trail."

The effect of Darwinian evolution is best seen in the life of Darwin himself. He became a materialist in belief. He said that he was "maddened by the thought" that he could not trust his own reasoning for, he said: "Who can trust the brain that has been developed from that of a monkey?"

We note here a few facts which discredit Darwinian evolution:

1. *No such evolution is taking place now.* In the past 100 years, since Darwin published his book, no instance can be found to substantiate it.

2. *No so-called "missing link" has ever been discovered.* Even evolution-

ists agree that there is such a wide gulf between the most man-like ape and the most ape-like man there must be somewhere a half-and-half specimen to bridge the gap between them. All efforts to find it have proven either a fraud or a failure.

3. Apart from a higher intelligence *the trend is always downward.* This is true of gardens and fields, domestic animals and men. What would become of your garden without a gardener? What happened to Israel when they lost their hold on God?

It reminds us of the traveler who seated himself comfortably in a railroad car. The porter came and requested him to move to another car. "What's the matter with this one?" he protested. The answer was: "Nothing, mister, except it isn't hitched to anything that will get you anywhere."

4. *Where there is design there must be a designer.*

A skeptical traveler twitted his Christian guide for believing in a God whom he couldn't see or hear or feel. In the morning the traveler said: "There has been a camel about the tent last night." "Did you see him?" asked the guide. "No, but I see his tracks." Just then the sun was rising in all its glory. With a wave of the hand the guide said: "Behold the tracks of the Almighty!"

A fourth near neighbor to Communism is

Socialism in Government

Socialism has been defined as "government ownership or control of the means of production and distribution of goods." Socialism is not Communism, but there is a blood relationship between them. Both work on a dictator principle. Under Communism the dictatorship is vested in one man surrounded by a few underlings who rubber-stamp his decisions.

In socialism the state becomes the dictator which makes and enforces its decrees by corporate action. It may come about suddenly by violence or gradually by popular vote of the people. A socialist government can seize your wealth which you have accumulated by hard labor and planning and divide it with those who by indolence or extravagance have saved nothing to provide for themselves.

Socialism's favorite slogan is: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." If all people were equally honest, industrious, and unselfish such a principle might have some justification. But this is not so.

A friend who was an overseer of men in an industrial plant told of an employee who was capable, efficient, dependable and "worth his weight in gold." A higher position was open to be filled. Because of "seniority rights" he was compelled to promote "a ten-cent man" lacking in all these abilities to the higher position.

That glaring inequalities in the possession of wealth exist, no one will deny. Wherever this has come about by dishonest methods there should be some legitimate and legal ways for righting the wrongs. The socialist plan would dispossess the honest as well as the dishonest possessors of wealth.

Suppose a college professor has in his classes a straight "A" student who earns his grades by hard work. He has another student who loafs and fritters away his time. As a result he fails to pass the grade. Then the professor decides to even things up by dividing the the grades and giving both a C. Could there be any justice or honesty in a system like that?

We hold that the *one-world, world-government, welfare-state* philosophy must fail because the God of righteousness is left out of its calculations. It depends on dictators, state-rule or democratic majorities to establish peace and prosperity. "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh."

The advocates of Socialism keep reminding us of the early Christians who sold their possessions and laid the

money at the apostles' feet; "and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need" (Acts 4:32-37). This was not done by a command of God but as a voluntary experiment of their own. It may have served a purpose at that time.

That it was voluntary is indicated by the words of Peter to Ananias: "While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" That it was not mandatory is seen in that other Christians outside this small group disregarded it altogether.

Furthermore, the plan does not seem to have worked so well in the end. It was here that lying and deception on the part of Ananias and Sapphira incurred the judgment of God, as they were slain for their perfidy. We hear no more of their collective effort after that.

The Pilgrims tried a similar experiment in their Massachusetts colony. Governor Bradford tells what happened:

> It was found to breed much confusion and discontent and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort. For the young men that were most able and fit for labor and service did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children without any recompense. The strong or men of parts had no more in division of victuals and clothes than he that was weak and not able to do a quarter the others could; this was thought injustice.

(Quoted from *God, Gold and Government*, p. 107.)

The outcome of this experiment was that it was abandoned as a failure. Each family was granted a share of ground and everyone worked for himself and his family. Within a year of the change they were able to celebrate Thanksgiving with a plenty instead of a famine. They gave God thanks for a harvest of good things produced by their private endeavors. Here the people were exercising their God-given rights to manage their own affairs with no dictators of church or state to interfere.

Some of the seepage of socialistic principles into our federal government in its attempt to manage private affairs is caricatured in a letter which a southern farmer wrote to his congressman. He told of his neighbor who was receiving from the government $1000 a year for not raising hogs. All he ever made by raising hogs was $400. The letter contained the following:

> These hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you will also pay farmers for not raising corn. So will you pay me anything for not raising 100,000 bushels of corn not to feed the hogs I am not raising? I want to get started as soon as possible because this seems to be a good time of year for not raising hogs.

The poignant story of Stanley Yankus, Jr., pinpoints the fight of certain farmers for the right to operate their own farms. His testimony before a congressional committee is revealing. Mr. Yankus owned a farm in Michigan consisting of 100 acres. He and his family are now moving to Australia where he believes less government controls will interfere with his freedom.

His offense consisted in raising 35 acres of wheat when the government told him he could plant only fifteen. The wheat was produced not for sale but for feeding his chickens which were his chief means of support. For this his fines amounted to $5,072 for using his own farm to raise his own chickens. More than 1000 other farmers were reported to have taken their cases to the courts and lost.

In his defense Mr. Yankus said:

"I am fighting for the right to grow wheat. I am fighting for the right to own property. If I am forbidden to use my land, then I do not own it. My rights do not extend much beyond the right to pay taxes. This is tyranny... My right to liberty should certainly be my right to earn my own living on my own farm."

Mr. Yankus also said:

"I have not harmed any other farmer. I have earned my own living. I have paid my taxes. How can you congressmen justify the laws which have destroyed my means of making a living?... Many people have told me that I would lose everything by opposing these wheat laws. What is everything? Money is of no value to a slave. I think freedom is everything!"

FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

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Every man is endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights; it is to secure these rights that governments are instituted among men. This is a paraphrase of the eloquent statement in the Declaration of Independence of a basic idea of democracy—the precedence of the individual over the government.

Two months ago we looked out from the study window at *freedom* and its meaning to democracy. In this issue, the subject is *individualism*—the belief that the state exists for the individual, not the individual for the state. The individual is not a means to an end in democracy, but (so far as the government is concerned) is an end in himself. As the philosopher Kant said, "so act as to treat humanity... in every case as an end withal, never as means only." (I am reminded parenthetically of what a challenging standard this is for all of us—that we shall never treat another person as a means to an end, but as a person for whom Christ died.)

This concept is in clear contrast to the philosophy of totalitarianism, that individuals exist for the service and use of the state. The more effective the government, the more rigorously this philosophy is applied. Both in Nazi Germany and Communist Russia we have watched it being carried well toward the ultimate—work, play, the family, the bearing of children, the writing of music, the making of friends, all for the sake of the state.

Conversely, of course, individualism itself cannot be absolute. Other individuals also have rights. Especially in our complexly organized society, where the actions of one individual affect so many other individuals so vitally, the problem of drawing the line is acute. Many of the political problems in our headlines ultimately concern this question: where to divide the rights of one individual from those of another.

Though individualism must be limited, it is well to remind ourselves of the extent of individualism in our society. Each individual is guaranteed the right to one vote (even though he on grounds of conscience or for other reasons may fail to exercise it). The government concerns itself with the welfare of handicapped and aged individuals. In our courts, the assumption is that it is better for nine guilty to go unpunished than for one innocent individual to suffer. The ultimate demonstration of individualism is in the U.S. Senate where by filibuster one individual is able to paralyze the government of the United States as long as he is physically able to speak.

What is the source of this belief basic to our society? Any belief has many sources; many roots. We owe much to the Greeks; but in Greek society the privilege of individualism belonged to the relatively few who were citizens. The major source of the doctrine is the "whosoever" of the Christian gospel, the preciousness of each soul for whom Christ died.

This should warn us that democracy is wrong when it says the individual is an end in himself. When it stops with this assertion, democracy undermines its own foundations. For the chief end of the individual is not in himself but in God. The Christian philosophy of the state is that government exists to serve the individual, who in his turn exists to glorify God.

As with freedom, then, we end with the responsibility of each Christian to protect the individualism of our society by using his privileges as a means of glorifying God.